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Congratulating the people and government of Kazakhstan on the tenth anniversary of the independence of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 20 (legislative day, DECEMBER 18), 2001

Mr. BROWNBACK submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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Committee discharged; considered, amended, and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the people and government of Kazakhstan on the tenth anniversary of the independence of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Whereas on December 16, 2001, Kazakhstan will celebrate 10 years of independence;

Whereas since gaining its independence, Kazakhstan has made significant strides in becoming a stable and peaceful nation that provides economic opportunity for its people;

Whereas Kazakhstan continues to face political, ethnic, economic, and environmental challenges;

Whereas Kazakhstan plays an important role in Central Asia by virtue of its large territory, ample natural resources, and strategic location;

Whereas the Department of Energy estimates that Kazakhstan has up to 17,600,000,000 barrels of proven petroleum reserves and up to 83,000,000,000,000 cubic feet of proven natural gas reserves;

Whereas Kazakhstan has successfully partnered with United States companies in the development of its petroleum and natural gas resources;

Whereas in November 2001, the Caspian Pipeline Consortium was inaugurated, providing the first major pipeline to bring the Caspian energy resources to the world market;

Whereas the United States private sector contributed nearly 50 percent of the \$2,600,000,000 Caspian Pipeline Consortium investment;

Whereas Kazakhstan, under the leadership of President Nursultan Nazarbaev, has cooperated with the United States on national security concerns, including combating international terrorism, nuclear proliferation, international crime, and narcotics trafficking; and

Whereas since September 11, 2001, cooperation with Kazakhstan and other Central Asian States, specifically Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, has become even more important to the ability of the United States to protect the United States homeland: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) congratulates the people of Kazakhstan and
3 its government, on the tenth anniversary of its inde-
4 pendence;

1 (2) welcomes the partnership between the Gov-
2 ernment of Kazakhstan and United States compa-
3 nies in developing its natural resources in an envi-
4 ronmentally sustainable manner;

5 (3) applauds the cooperation between the Gov-
6 ernment of Kazakhstan and the Government of the
7 United States on matters of national security, in-
8 cluding the war against terrorism;

9 (4) encourages the Government of Kazakhstan
10 to continue to make progress in the areas of institu-
11 tionalizing democracy, respecting human rights, re-
12 ducing corruption, and implementing broad-based
13 market reforms; and

14 (5) looks forward to further enhancing the eco-
15 nomic, political, and national security cooperation
16 between Kazakhstan and the United States.

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